## Geographic Review Panel 4 – San Joaquin River

**Proposal number:** 2001-I205 **Short Proposal Title:** IDG Oral History Film

Of the SJR

1. Applicability to CALFED ERP Goals and Implementation Plan and CVPIA priorities, and relevance to ERP and CVPIA priorities for your region. Meets CALFED education goal as described in the PSP.

- 2. Linkages/coordination with previously funded projects or other restoration activities in your region. Linkages to the SJRRHRP, FWUA, USBR and the SJRPCT are identified in the proposal and are essential. However, many other groups should be consulted such as the Lower San Joaquin Levee District, the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority, the San Joaquin River Management Program, the San Joaquin River Group Authority, the San Joaquin River Conservancy, RCDs.
- 3. Feasibility, especially the project's ability to move forward in a timely and successful manner. Very feasibly both in terms of time and success
- **4.** Qualifications of the applicants and others involved in implementing the proposed **project.** Qualified, established applicants.
- **5. Local involvement (including environmental compliance).** Could greatly expand the number of groups that are collaborative partners and contacts. (see page 10, section D.2 of proposal)
- **6. Cost.** Costs are reasonable.
- 7. Cost sharing. Cost-share minor, less than one percent.
- **8. Additional comments.** The Panel recommends that there be a San Joaquin Valley-based advisory group for the oral history film.

## **Regional Ranking**

Panel Ranking: Medium

**Provide a brief explanation of your ranking:** IDG has impressive qualifications and an equally impressive track record for getting things accomplished. The Panel is concerned about the intent of this film. The expressed purpose it to provide an oral history of the San Joaquin River, however, the narrative focuses on recent restoration efforts, which is clearly a different objective. The Panel would also like to see much greater emphasis on exposing valley viewers to this information as opposed to the existing emphasis on Bay Area residents. The Panel would increase the ranking to medium high if: (1) there were

greater involvement and oversight by San JoaquinValley-based groups; (2) the oral history encompass the full breadth of the River's history, including Native Americans; and (3) the Festival was expanded to include southern San Joaquin valley locations (Fresno south).